LAAC: Weekly Leadership Update
October 26, 2018

Agenda

1. **North Star: Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements**
    - Do you have preliminary or top-of-mind thoughts on which schools might be good candidates for potential multi-year and/or expedited Prop 39 pilot programs as discussed with BD4 and BD6 this week? Our team is doing research right now to make recommendations, which we can bring back next week.
2. **North Star: Renewal Criteria & Performance Framework**
    - Do you agree that we should work towards an LAAC discussion and vote on possible School Performance Framework features at November LAAC meeting?
3. **North Star: Authorizing Policy & Oversight**
    - No questions.
4. **North Star: BD5 Representation**
    - No questions.
5. **Sub-Priority: Locally-Led Legislative Advocacy**
    - No questions: updates below.
6. **Sub-Priority: Strike Preparedness**
    - No questions.
7. **Ad Hoc Sub-Priority: Charter Community CAO Supports**
    - No questions: updates below
8. **Ad Hoc Sub-Priority: LAAC Leadership Transition**
    - Do you want to get on the phone to discuss potential new LAAC leadership with Myrna?
        - Cristina: are you interested in staying on as chair next year?
        - If so, who would be a vice-chair you would support?
        - If not, what is the right combination of new leadership?
9. **Additional Updates:**
    - **<u>LAAC November Meeting</u>:**
        - Do you have early thoughts on what you think needs to be on the agenda for the November 15 LAAC meetings? Initially, we are thinking of the following action/discussion items:
            - Vote: Approval of an LAAC subcommittee on enrollment, to plan for potential common enrollment policy changes and continue discussion on regional challenges.
            - Vote: School Performance Framework draft criteria
            - Vote: Approve CAO plan and timeline
            - Vote: LAAC Commitment to Board District 5 C3 Commitments, LA Advocacy Day in the Spring
            - Vote Discussion: Executive Summit debrief and Legislative Agenda discussion
            - Discussion: PCNR Los Angeles roll-out
            - Discussion: Facilities, Potential Multi-Year and Expedited Prop 39 Pilots
    - **<u>PCNR</u>:**
        - Do you want to include an update on PCNR at regional meeting? Schools have until November 7 to decide to self-close; and on November 14, the day before

we will make our announcement. Parker wants to talk to the group to give context briefly on us being professional about this.

- **Legislative Advocacy Day/April 2019 LAAC Meeting:**
  - CCSA's Legislative Advocacy Day is scheduled for April 10, 2019 in Sacramento. We currently have the April LAAC meeting scheduled for April 11th. What are your thoughts on the potential conflict? One thought is to hold the LAAC meeting in Sacramento on the morning of Advocacy Day, April 10th, but open to suggestions.

Pre-Reading

North Star: Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements

Create a formal and sustainable system for long-term facilities use agreements between LAUSD and charter schools beginning in the 2019-20 school year, where long-term is defined to be petition co-terminus or longer, by establishing a clear change in facilities policy.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - Our strategy is to maximize opportunities aligned with LAUSD leadership (e.g., Superintendent Beutner and Board Vice President Melvoin) and their facilities-related priorities. In doing so, we will strategically challenge the District's assertion that long-term facilities use agreements are legally untenable under Prop 39 while expeditiously pursuing other viable paths toward implementing multi-year agreements.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - On Wednesday, LA RA and Facilities/Legal had a call with Megan VandenBos, Chief of Staff for Board Member Kelly Gonez (BD6), to discuss multi-year facilities use agreements and their office's position on the issue. We talked through Prop 39 and other potential paths forward and determined that BD6 is generally supportive of efforts to get charters in multi-year agreements. BD6 asked CCSA to provide additional data and information to their office to help with their analysis. Additionally, LA RA and LAAC Leadership held an in-person meeting with LAUSD Board Vice President Nick Melvoin and staff to discuss paths forward on the shared priority of multi-year use agreements. We have concrete next steps that we will operationalize and move forward in conjunction with BD4.
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - **We will coordinate with Facilities/Legal to operationalize and gather the data and information requested by BD4 and BD6 and provide at the end of next week.**
- **Working Group Updates:**
  - No formal working group yet, but 2-3 LAAC members expressed interest in participating in the group during September's LAAC meeting.

North Star: Renewal Criteria & Performance Framework

In the absence of updated statewide criteria, secure LAUSD charter renewal criteria that prioritizes student academic outcomes and – only when necessary – considers multiple measures but does not substitute academic achievement with non-academic outcome measures of limited value.
Secure a performance framework that lays the foundation for system-wide school improvement through a similar focus on student academic achievement. At a minimum, charter renewal criteria will remain protected as LAUSD adopts a performance framework for all public schools.

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- **Current Strategy:**
  - We will continue to document the need for consistent feedback and pushback on unreasonable benchmarks at CSD and with Board Members. We will influence the performance framework through District working groups, direct conversations with the superintendent's team, and with our Board members to ensure that academic outcomes are the core of any performance framework that influences renewal.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - 14 schools were renewed at LAUSD, half with benchmarks. These benchmarks are now nearly all identical on academics but do not take into account any reasonable sense of growth. Our data team analyzed the PUC Santa Rosa benchmarks thoroughly to demonstrate to
  - The School Performance Framework working group met (though neither Green Dot nor KIPP representatives could attend). Jose Cole-Gutierrez attended for the first time. The discussion focused on different measures of academic measurements (DF3 vs. SBAC performance bands) and possible measure
- **What's Happening Next Week:**

North Star: Authorizing Policy & Oversight

Fundamentally improve the authorization and oversight experience for LA charter schools and the relationship between authorizer and charter schools in LA by securing structural reforms at LAUSD. In addition, continue to monitor OIG activity as it relates to LAUSD authorized charter schools.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - Our strategy is to build the case that CSD fails to efficiently and competently implement existing authorization and oversight policy and support a call for systemic structural and personnel within CSD.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - No updates
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - No updates
- **Working Group Updates:**
  - No formal working group yet, but 1-2 LAAC members expressed interest in participating in the group during September's LAAC meeting.

North Star: BD5 Representation

Maintain a kids-first local authorizing environment by securing: 1) interim appointment of a representative who supports the Superintendent and aligned board members; and 2) A special election primary in March; 3) LAAC alignment with a PAC.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - LA RA is working with CCSA's Civic Affairs, Operations, and Organizing teams to prepare for the March 5 primary election.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - This week, Gregory and Myrna approved our calendar/project plan on BD5, ensuring that we will move forward with PAC meetings and endorsement before the new year. As a part of outreach on the Executive Summit, we primed charter leaders on interest in the PAC.

    - We continued setting up and executing candidate visits to BD5 charter schools this week. We visited Aspire and KIPP schools in BD5 with two candidates: David Valdez and Justine Gonzalez.
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
    - We will follow up on outreach next week at Executive Summit and by sending supplementary information to interested leaders. We will also more-directly tap charter leaders who are well-positioned to contribute to the race.

Sub-Priority: Locally-Led Legislative Advocacy

Influence CCSA's legislative agenda so it aligns with issues that matter to our local membership.

- **Current Strategy:**
    - Build local influence over CCSA legislative advocacy priorities in advance of legislative session through direct engagement of LAAC and broader charter community.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
    - We met with our GA team to discuss possible options for November LAAC updates.
- **What's Happening Next Week?**
    - We expect to bring a proposal for a possible November LAAC agenda item to you next week.

Sub-Priority: Strike Preparedness

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- **Current Strategy:**
    - LA RA is monitoring mediation while helping schools answer operations questions to stay open during a strike.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
    - This week, as they continued to hold community meetings and organizing workshops, UTLA staged high-visibility protests throughout Los Angeles. Tuesday through Thursday, the union protested outside LAUSD, supporters lined Firestone Blvd in Southgate, and organized rallies in the East San Fernando Valley. UTLA also rallied outside Councilmember Jose Huizar's office to protest the redevelopment of a KIPP facility in his district, and they advertised the protest as being about privatization of public schools.
- **What's Happening Next Week?**
    - Fact finding is ongoing, and we do not expect a resolution for several weeks. We expect public protests to continue next week and will be on the lookout for specifics on union social media sites. Finally, we plan to send out an event invite for our November 9 meeting with LAUSD for principals of co-located campuses.

Additional Updates

- **<u>LA County Advocacy Council</u>:**

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- The following leaders are attending Executive Summit and are prospects for starting our LA County Advocacy Council: Josh Stock (Lashon), Alison Diaz (Environmental), Lauren O'Neill (Odyssey), Matt Wunder (Da Vinci), Amber Raskin (iLEAD), Veronica Melvin (LA's Promise), David Langford (Ingenium). We have asked them to approach sessions considering lessons and implications for a new council.